

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A laundry ~~drier~~ dryer control method comprising steps of:  
initiating a drying procedure;  
measuring a temperature variation rate ~~per unit time over the drying procedure~~;  
calculating an overall drying time based on the measured temperature variation rate ~~per unit time~~; and  
performing the drying procedure for the calculated overall drying time.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim [[1]] 5, wherein said calculating step is repeated if a substantial increase in the temperature variation rate is detected.
3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the temperature variation rate is 1°C per minute.
4. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
measuring a plurality of temperature variation rates.

5. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:  
determining whether there is a substantial increase in the temperature variation rate as a  
function of the plurality of measured temperature variation rates.